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Blaine and Roger-

Blaine, thanks for the information the other day. It occurs to me that while we received information from BP as well as the Waste Water folks in Indiana. We never received anything through either the Emergency Responders nor did we get a contact from the Drinking Water Program (in Indiana or at U.S. EPA).

I received a call from the Region 5 Drinking Water Program because U.S. EPA was not communicating very well internally. While we have always worked back and forth pretty well with Missouri and Iowa (not to mention the Upper Miss and ORSANCO), this is my first recollection of coordinating with our Indiana counterparts (I guess there was a pipeline break a few years back, but I don't recall a drinking water concern). So, I think we might want to view this as a shot over the bow for possible future more serious events on Lake Michigan.

From what I understood from Region 5, my counterpart in the Drinking Water Program in Indiana was kind of left out of the loop also (Hammond's intake was pretty darned close to the incident). He has always been very good about communicating with me if there is an issue (for instance, during the West Virginia spill he let me know the precautions they were taking and the

press interest, etc.). Therefore, my working assumption was that the information we received was accurate (spill contained, no apparent risk to water supplies in Illinois or Indiana).

In the end, that assumption may have been sound. However, I think we may have dodged a bullet because we did not have a check and double check on this incident from the drinking water program perspective. Arguably, BP reported and we received confirmation from the Indiana Waste Water Program that the release was being managed. However, potential impacts to sources of drinking water were never really addressed (let alone addressed in a timely fashion). Furthermore, the Illinois EPA never made timely proactive contact with the Lake Michigan Water Systems like we normally do on high risk releases within our state boundaries. I take responsibility for this oversight and intend to assure this does not occur in the future.

To this end, I will follow-up with my counterpart in Indiana (in fact all of the Region 5 states are meeting at the end of April and this may be a good sidebar topic for all of us) and I would appreciate it if you all could do the same. My hope is that if we have something similar in the future we can advance our situational awareness. Obviously, part of our mission is to keep Illinois' water systems on the same page as we are with respect to an estimation of the risk posed by any type of threat to their system. In this particular instance, I think we have found a chink in our armor with respect to our check and double check system for water supplies. As we have discussed many times, when it comes to water systems, we can't afford for something to fall through the cracks (ask West Virginia!).

Please advise if you would like to discuss this further, otherwise my assumption is that you will reach out to Indiana as I am. I will let you know what kind of feedback I receive and hope that you can do the same-

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